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Applicant

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For

FASTENER FOR SECURING A GAS BAG

MODULE TO A STEERING WHEEL

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AMENDMENT

GROUP 3600

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 13, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 7, 9-12, 17 and 19 without prejudice.

Please amend claim 8 as follows:

(Amended) The fastener as set forth in claim 16, wherein said fastener part and said fastening arms comprise ramps corresponding to each other.